

I am in favor of the ARRL petition. The Morse requirement should be eliminated. The three proposed license classes will do much to simplify the license structure while preserving the incentive to upgrade. I also support giving all licensees' access to the HF bands. Advancing all Technician Class operators to General Class is a logical progression. It will encourage Technicians to remain active and involved because they will be able use HF. Currently when they tire of repeater use there are few places to go above 50 MHz.

The upgrade from Technician to General will require an update of the FCC database. With the change to a three-class system this update would only affect current Technician Class operator and need be done once. The technician Class license would then pass into history.

Respectfully submitted,  
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